In order to ensure effective implementation of various provisions of the Regulations made under IMC Act, the Government is reviewing the entire process of Inspection, including appointment of Inspectors so as to make it transparent and effective. The Government is also in the process of formulating Clinical Establishment Bill, for providing among others, mechanism for accreditation of various Institutions including Medical College Hospitals.

Pamphlets against pulse polio programme

3765. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WEL FARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain Muslim organizations in the country, particularly in Maharashtra State have distributed pamphlets in Urdu against the Pulse-polio vaccination compaign, Stating that polio drops contain dangerous germs of AIDS, Cancer, etc.;

(b) what action his Ministry proposes to take action against certain elements that mislead and give wrong information about the health campaign sponsored by Government; and

(c) how many incidents of polio were detected in the country, particularly in Maharashtra State during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes Sir, It is true that certain organization has published an article in Urdu Times, published in Mumbai and circulated in minority dominated areas. It was published in April & May 2005, and also in April, 2006 *in* local news paper in Malegaon and Bhiwandi towns. Zerox copies of this article were deliberately circulated in Malegaon and Bhiwandi towns.

(b) Editor of the News Paper was requested not to publish such type of articles. Meeting of Mullahas & Maulvies in Malegaon and Bhiwandi towns were organized to convince the opinion leaders of the community. Meeting of Madarsa Teachers were also organized both in Malegaon and Bhiwandi towns. Meetings of Muslim doctors were organized both in Malegaon and Bhiwandi towns. Messages of Mullahas and Maulvies were published through cable network in both the places. Press Conference/ workshops of Medical Personnel were organized with the help of Nagpur,

Aurangabad, Nashik and Bhiwandi corporation during April 2006. Commissioner, Malegaon organized specific rallies before each round, where in prominent muslim leaders actively participated, Joint efforts were made by WHO/UNICEF and corporation authorities to persuade to accept OPV vaccine.

(c) During the year 2004, there was 3 virological positive polio cases in Maharashtra *i.e.* one in Bhiwandi, Thane district, one in Malegaon of Nashik district and one in P North Ward of Mumbai Municipal Corporation. No polio cases had been detected during the year 2005 as well as during the year 2006 till date.

Pending proposals from Chhattisgarh ,

†3766. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from the Government of Chhattisgarh which are pending with his Ministry for approval alongwith the details thereof;

(b) since when these proposals are pending;

(c) the reasons for delay in approving them; and

(d) by when the pending proposals would be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foreign aid to various health programmes

3767. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of international aid for health programmes in the country received during the last three years ending 31st March, 2006, year-wise and foreign source-wise;

(b) the nature of the health programmes on which the programmes on which the foreign assistance received and utilized during each year; and

†Original notice of the question was recieded in Hindi.